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Department of Panchayati Raj and
Community Development

Directorate of Panchayats

Notification

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Government of Goa is pleased to constitute Taluka Level Committees for Village Panchayats for the effective implementation of action plan prepared by the Government of India under Animal Birth Control (Dog) Rules, 2001 (ABC) to tackle the menace of stray dog and in consonance with the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. The Committee shall consist of following members:

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| 1. The Dy. Collector/S.D.M. of respective sub-division | – Chairman |
| 2. The Z. P. Members of constituencies | – Members |
| 4. All the Sarpanchas of Village Panchayats under the Taluka/Block | – Members |
| 5. Representatives of Non Government Organisation (to be nominated by the Government) | – Members |
| 6. Representative of the Animal Husbandry at Taluka/Block level | |
| 7. Block Development Officer of Taluka/Block | – Member Secretary/
/Convenor |

The terms of references of the committee shall be as follows:

- Monitor and issue instructions for catching, transportation, sheltering sterilization vaccination, treatment, and release of sterilized vaccinated or treated dogs.

- Authorize Veterinary Doctors to decide on case to case basis the need to put to sleep critically ill or fatally injured or rabid dogs in a painless method by using sodium pentathol. (Any other method is strictly prohibited).
- Create public awareness, solicit co-operation and funding.
- Provide guidelines to pet dogs owners and commercial breeders from time to time.
- Conduct survey of the number of street dogs by an independent agency.
- Take such steps for monitoring the dog bite cases; to ascertain the reasons for dog bite, the area where it took place whether it was from a stray or a pet dog for seeking immediate precautionary measures.
- Look after dog shelters, monitor the ABC programme, have a 24 hour help line and the removal of strays and garbage from the streets. For the above purpose, the Committee may prepare and submit proposals to the State Level Committee for approval and sanction of grants for outsourcing the work to reputed NGOs working in the field of Animal Welfare.

The Committee in each area should provide a telephone number wherein the citizens can immediately contact in case of a rabid dog or violent dog so as to take up immediate remedial measures and should publicize the said telephone number in their areas, through television and print media repeatedly, so that members of the public are aware of the same.

The Committee shall meet at least once in a month and submit its report to the State Level Committee.

The Committee shall work under the supervision and control of the State Level Monitoring Committee.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Menino D'Souza, Director of Panchayats & ex-officio Joint Secretary.

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